

WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

first input means provided for the first communication apparatus for inputting communication information for communication via the first communication line; and

wherein the communication information for communication via the first communication line is selectively switched between the communication information input from said first input means and the communication information input from said second input means, in accordance with a relation between the first and second communication apparatus.

3. A communication system according to claim 1, wherein the relation between the first and second communication apparatus is a physical connection relation.

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4. A communication system according to claim 1, wherein when the relation between the first and second communication apparatus takes a predetermined relation while the first communication apparatus transmits the information input from said first input means via the first communication line, information input from said second input means is switched to be transmitted via the first communication line.

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5. A communication system according to claim 1, wherein when the relation between the first and second communication apparatus takes a predetermined relation while the first communication apparatus transmits the information input from said second input means via the first communication line, information input from said first input means is switched to be transmitted via the first communication line.

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6. A communication system according to claim 1, further comprising supply means for supplying a power from the second communication apparatus to the first communication apparatus, in accordance with the

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relation between the first and second communication apparatus.

5 7. A communication system according to claim 6, wherein said supply means supplies the power while the first communication apparatus does not perform the first communication.

10 8. A communication system according to claim 1, further comprising an echo canceler provided for the second communication apparatus, said echo canceler being used for the second communication via the second communication line, wherein if the first communication apparatus transmits information input from said second
15 input means via the first communication line, the information input from said second input means is output to the first communication apparatus via said echo canceler.

20 9. A first communication apparatus used in a communication system having the first communication apparatus capable of a first communication via a first communication line and a second communication apparatus capable of a second communication via a second
25 communication line, the second communication apparatus being provided with second input means for inputting communication information for communication via the

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12. A first communication apparatus according to claim 9, wherein when the relation between the first

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16. A first communication apparatus according to claim 9, further comprising an echo canceler provided for the second communication apparatus, said echo canceler being used for the second communication via the second communication line, wherein if the first communication apparatus transmits information input from the second input means via the first communication line, the information input from the second input means is output to the first communication apparatus via said echo canceler.

17. A second communication apparatus used in a
15 communication system having a first communication
apparatus capable of a first communication via a first
communication line and the second communication
apparatus capable of a second communication via a
second communication line, the first communication
20 apparatus being provided with first input means for
inputting communication information for communication
via the first communication line, the second
communication apparatus comprising:

second input means for inputting communication
25 information for communication via the second
communication line;

judging means for judging a relation between the

output means for outputting information input from
said second input means to the first communication
apparatus, in accordance with a judgement by said
judging means.

19. A control method for a communication system having a first communication apparatus capable of a first communication via a first communication line and a second communication apparatus capable of a second communication via a second communication line, the first communication apparatus having first input means for inputting communication information for communication via the first communication line, and the second communication apparatus having second input means for inputting communication information for communication via the second communication line, the method comprising:

a judging step of judging a relation between the first and second communication apparatus; and

5 a switching step of selectively switching the communication information for communication via the first communication line between the communication information input from the first input means and the communication information input from the second input means, in accordance with a judgment by said judging step.

10 20. A control method for a first communication apparatus used in a communication system having the first communication apparatus capable of a first communication via a first communication line and a second communication apparatus capable of a second communication via a second communication line, the
15 first communication apparatus having first input means for inputting communication information for communication via the first communication line, and the second communication apparatus having second input means for inputting communication information for
20 communication via the second communication line, the method comprising:

a judging step of judging a relation between the first and second communication apparatus; and

25 a switching step of selectively switching the communication information for communication via the first communication line between the communication information input from the first input means and the

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communication information input from the second input means, in accordance with a judgement by said judging step.

5 21. A control method for a second communication apparatus used in a communication system having a first communication apparatus capable of a first communication via a first communication line and the second communication apparatus capable of a second communication via a second communication line, the first communication apparatus having first input means for inputting communication information for communication via the first communication line, and the second communication apparatus having second input means for inputting communication information for communication via the second communication line, the method comprising:

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 a judging step of judging a relation between the first and second communication apparatus; and

20 an output step of outputting information input from the second input means to the first communication apparatus.

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